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l. At its last meeting, the Central Committee of the Lebanese Communist Party voted the following:

- (a) To place at the disposal of the principal branch centers of the Party specified sums of money for the purchase of pistols, in preparation for the coming elections;
- (b) To redcuble efforts to stem the tide of royalists in Syria;
- (c) To accept 305 new members, mostly from North Lebanon and the Beksa.
- 2. Fu'ad Qazan stated at this meeting that he would surprise the Central Committee on New Year's Day by the announcement of the admission to the Party of a thousand new members.
- 3. Four hundred other persons, largely drawn from North Lebanon, were allowed to attend local meetings of the Communist Party, in preparation for their final formal admission into the Party.

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